



## District 9 Leadership Group (D9LG)

### General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 9th, 7:00 – 9:00 PM  
 (Approved by members on 7/9/25)

**In-Person at:**

The Watermark at Almaden  
 4610 Almaden Exp, San Jose, Ca 95118  
 1st Floor Main Auditorium  
 (enter and park in the underground parking lot  
 and take the elevator to the 4th floor)

**Board Members:**

**Barbara (Bobbi) Pena Atak** (*Chair*), **Sam Ho** (*Vice Chair*), **Mitchell Ehrlich** (*Treasurer*),  
**David Noel** (*Secretary*), **Cole Cameron** (Director at Large), **Open Seat** (Director at Large),  
**Kyle Laveroni** (*D9 City Councilmember Pam Foley's Liaison, non-voting*)

Time	Item	Presenter(s)
7:00 – 7:05	Welcome  26 total attendees	Bobbi Atak
7:05 – 7:08	Agenda & Minutes  Motion to Approve January 8th, General Meeting Minutes  Approved – Dave Noel/Mitchell Ehrlich/unanimous	David Noel
7:08 – 7:30	District 9 Council Office Update  The Mayor's March Budget Message was approved by the council and the City Manager will produce a budget in May for council deliberation. Next will come the Mayor's June Budget Message and council negotiations with final approval in June. The budget takes effect on July 1 <sup>st</sup> .  The District 3 councilmember vacancy was temporarily filled with a council appointment who will serve pending results of the election held April 8 <sup>th</sup> and June runoff.  The city council will hold a study session at the new Emergency Operations Center near the fire museum. In the event of an emergency, the District 9 offices will operate from Kirk Community Center as primary and a library as secondary. CERT volunteers will be critical.  District 9 Developments:	Vice Mayor Pam Foley

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Cambrian Park Plaza development is currently expected to break ground in late 2026 or 2027. It will include a hotel, single family residences, apartments, a senior living center, commercial retail, a boutique grocery store, a park and underground parking.</li> <li>• The city is looking into preventing dangerous left turns onto Leigh from the McDonalds at Camden and Leigh.</li> <li>• A residential care facility is now being developed on Cambrianna Drive.</li> <li>• Affordable housing is slated to be built at the former site of Carl's Jr. on Camden at Union. Watch for community meetings to be held when the developer is ready.</li> <li>• Affordable housing will be built at the Cathedral of Faith on Corner Ave.</li> <li>• The affordable housing development at the site of Chuck-E-Cheese on Kooser Rd. is scheduled to break ground by June.</li> <li>• The housing development at the former site of the Fist Market on Blossom Hill Rd. will be affordable housing</li> <li>• Two affordable housing projects have opened recently in District 9 and are now occupied.</li> <li>• There will be no Builder's Remedy" developments in District 9. One was planned but withdrawn.</li> </ul> <p>The District 9 signature event Music in the Valley will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Cambrian Park Plaza with middle and high school bands on two stages, plus a new third stage with professional bands. There will be a farmer's market, food trucks, beer and wine, crafts. Many thanks to a generous donation from presenting sponsor Good Samaritan Hospital.</p> <p>Upcoming meetings include a D9 budget Town Hall on May 21<sup>st</sup> and Speed &amp; Red Light Camera meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>. The speed cameras will be installed as a pilot project from AB645, but are awaiting funding.</p> <p>The Cherry Ave. Emergency Interim Housing development is scheduled to be occupied by the end of September 2025, and planned to house 130 people, with priority given to unhoused people living in proximity to the EIH.</p>	
7:30 – 7:45	SJPD D9 Crime Stats & New Captain	Capt. Steven Payne Jr.

	<p>This was D9LG's first time meeting Capt. Steve Payne, who has taken over for Capt. Steve Donohue, who has rotated to another role in SJPD. Capt. Payne has been a cop for 18 years, and is learning a lot in his new role.</p> <p>Crime statistics as measured by violent crimes are lower in south San Jose. In the last 30 days, there were no homicides, 11 reported sexual assaults (no stranger at-large assaults), 16 aggravated assaults (3 domestic, 2 elder and 8 solved), 3 robberies (2 strong arm, 1 arrest), 9 commercial burglaries, 3 residential burglaries, 36 vehicle burglaries (12 catalytic converters), 3 minor accidents with injuries, and 1 fatal accident (Almaden Expy at Ironwood).</p> <p>There has been a spike in catalytic converter thefts in the last 60 days, and also a trend in copper wire theft. A crackdown on recycling centers (requiring ID and proof of origin) has helped with catalytic converters, and they are looking to expand that to copper wire. They are doing covert enforcement and will publish the results to keep them in compliance.</p> <p>Stolen vehicles are a big problem across the city, with a task force focus on 2 clusters locally at Waterford Park and in southern District 10.</p> <p>Attendees expressed concern about teens riding bikes dangerously. He'll pass this on to his officers.</p> <p>Hardened criminals are getting younger which results in lower consequences. Crews are using juveniles to steal cars and crash them into businesses like smoke shops and liquor stores to burglarize them.</p> <p>Los Paseos Park has gang activity spreading, starting with graffiti. When reporting suspicious graffiti to the city via the San Jose 311 app, also email the photos to Capt. Payne so he can send them to his analyst.</p>	
7:45 – 8:00	<p><b>PRNS Placemaking Team</b></p> <p>The biggest placemaking events are Viva CalleSJ, which will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup> this year. An attendee encouraged Alvaro to consider adding a quiet tent for autistic children.</p> <p>Viva Parks events are held at various parks throughout the city and include live entertainment, a rock wall and lawn games.</p> <p>Paint the CitySJ events are also held at various parks throughout the city in July through September. These events require pre-registration via Eventbrite, but you can also show</p>	Alvaro Celaya

	<p>up and possibly get the space of a no-show.</p> <p>Activate Saint James Park activities include yoga Wednesdays and a dog trainer (8 person limit with Eventbrite registration).</p> <p>For more info, Google “San Jose Placemaking”.</p> <p>To advocate for events at your local park next year, contact your city council office before November.</p>	
(added to agenda)	<p>State Senate District 15 Update (office of Dave Cortese)</p> <p>Dave Cortese introduced 25 bills in the current cycle, including a big one for hiring firefighters and one for insurance.</p> <p>Their recent annual Bus Trip for Education event was a great networking event.</p>	Zach Contini
8:00 – 8:15	<p>Climate Smart San Jose</p> <p>California Climate Action Corps Fellow Sara Sprague presented a slide deck on behalf of Climate Smart San Jose, along with Jasmine from the San Jose Climate Smart team.</p> <p>The city council approved Climate Smart San Jose in 2018. In 2021 the council adopted a carbon neutrality goal by 2030 goal, and in 2022 the council approved the Pathway to Carbon Neutrality by 2030. In 2021, San Jose’s greenhouse gas emission profile showed 82% of carbon emissions came from homes and transportation. The 2030 goals include moving to carbon neutral electricity, transition to electric moving to zero-emission vehicles.</p> <p>Residents can check out induction cooktops for a free two-week trial.</p> <p>See the slide deck for a list of state incentives and rebates, and also visit <a href="https://incentives.switchison.org">https://incentives.switchison.org</a> for an online search. San Jose Clean Energy’s Ecohome rebate offers up to \$12,000 per home for upgrades to heat pump electric technologies.</p> <p>Sign up for the Climate Smart Challenge at <a href="https://climatesmartsichallenge.org/">https://climatesmartsichallenge.org/</a> to learn about actions you can take to reduce your carbon footprint.</p> <p>Sign up for the Climate Smart Newsletter at <a href="https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/energy/climate-smart-san-jose/climate-smart-san-jos-notification-email-list">https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/energy/climate-smart-san-jose/climate-smart-san-jos-notification-email-list</a>.</p>	Sara Sprague

8:15 – 8:20	<p>CERT</p> <p>Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers will provide a first aid team at the April 11-13 Autorama 2025 car show veterans fundraiser event at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds Expo Hall (see attached flyer handout).</p> <p>See two additional attached CERT handouts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Info on free CERT training (also visit <a href="https://form.jotform.com/221918363495161">https://form.jotform.com/221918363495161</a>)</li> <li>• Emergency kit lists (“Supplies from Dollar Tree”) plus QR Codes for earthquake safety videos and MyShake app, wildfire safety videos &amp; information, and insurance advocacy</li> </ul> <p>Visit <a href="http://www.campbellcert.org">www.campbellcert.org</a> to download a free 26-Steps Personal Emergency Preparedness Workbook</p> <p>Another aspect of disaster recovery is psychological recovery. Cole recommends books by Nick Arnett which are available via Amazon.</p> <p>Be sure to have a disaster plan for your pets as well, and take a photo of you with your pet to help in being reunited after a disaster.</p>	Cole Cameron
8:20 – 8:25	<p>New Business:</p> <p>Board Vacancy – D9LG was seeking a Director At Large</p> <p>Financial Report – D9LG submitted its BeautifySJ Cycle 6 final report and expects to return \$638.71 of unspent funds. D9LG’s BeautifySJ Cycle 7 grant funding was still in progress.</p>	Bobbi Atak
8:25 – 8:44	<p>Neighborhood Leaders Update</p> <p>Several neighborhood associations including Pinehurst Residents Association are awaiting BeautifySJ Cycle 7 grant Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and funding.</p> <p>Erikson Neighborhood Association will hold a beautification event at Erikson Park affiliated with the Great American Litter Pickup.</p> <p>Reed Neighbors has been established with 974 homes!</p>	Neighborhood Leaders
8:44 – 8:45	Adjournment – Adjourned at 8:47pm	David Noel

**Next Gen Mtgs: 2nd Weds, 7:00 pm - 8:45 pm July 9th, Oct 9th**

**For the latest updates on D9LG visit: [www.D9LG.org](http://www.D9LG.org)**

(See attached Car Show and CERT meeting handouts, and separate Climate Smart San Jose slide deck)





## What Will You Do When Disaster Strikes?

Earthquakes, Fire or Flood

## What Can YOU Do To Be Prepared?

Become a trained CERT volunteer and  
join over **1,000** San Jose residents.

**--- CERT Is 'Neighbors Helping Neighbors' ---**

What is CERT? A nationwide organization that trains individuals to be prepared to know how to help family, neighbors and neighborhood in a disaster. Professional responders can rely on CERT trained volunteers.

**Elevate your readiness and  
make a difference in times of crisis!**

- **FREE** training to residents and individuals who work in San Jose
- Training offered throughout the year
- 20 hours of classes over multiple weeks via Zoom
- One Saturday in person for hands-on experience

Interested in learning more ... scan here



# Supplies from Dollar Tree

## Earthquake Supplies from Dollar Tree

- Antibacterial Wipes
- Bag for personal items
- Blistex lip balm
- Can Opener
- Card game (games)
- Deodorant
- Ear Plugs
- Duct Tape
- Flashlight & Batteries
- Garbage bag (rain poncho)
- Gloves (protective)
- Goggles (eye protection)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Kleenex
- Lighter
- Note Pad and Pencil
- Rope
- Scissors
- Shower Curtain (to sit on or make a shade)

## Earthquake Supplies from Dollar Tree

- Snacks (crackers, canned food, etc.)
- Socks
- Sunblock
- Toilet Paper
- Toothbrush, cover, toothpaste
- Water (1 gallon per person per day)
- Whistle
- Other personal care, feminine products, as needed.

### Add as appropriate:

- "space" blanket
- 12" Crescent Wrench
- 5-day supply and list of prescription meds
- Baby items (separate bag)
- Extra clothes/jacket
- Comfortable/protective shoes
- Garbage bag/Rain poncho
- KN95 Masks
- Old pair of prescription glasses
- Phone charger

### Anything else you would like to have.

## First Aid Supplies from Dollar Tree (for pets and humans)

- ACE Bandage
- Antibiotic ointment
- Bandage tape (waterproof)
- Bandages (box extra large)
- Garbage bag
- Gauze pads (box 3"x3")
- Hand Sanitizer
- Ibuprofen/headache meds
- Medical gloves
- Nausea medicine
- Q-Tips
- Scissors
- Wash clothes/towels

### Add:

Additional items based on your first aid training

## Pet Emergency Supplies from Dollar Tree

- Bowls (2)
- Food for 3 days
- Garbage bag
- Hand Sanitizer
- Leash & Collar
- Poop bags
- Toys/chews
- Treats
- Water (1 gallon per pet per day)

### Add (as appropriate):

- ID Tags / Vaccinations list (photo on phone)
- Crate/Carrier/bedding
- Litter box
- Medications / Copy of prescriptions
- Photo of you with your pet

## Supplies from Dollar Tree



### Earthquake Safety Videos & MyShake App

Translations in

American Sign Language | Amharic | Arabic  
Armenian | Chinese Dari | English | Farsi  
Hindi | Hmong | Indonesian | Japanese  
Korean | Portuguese | Punjabi | Russian  
Spanish | Tagalog | Tamil | Tigrinya  
Urdu | Vietnamese



### Wildfire Safety Videos & Information

Translations in

Chinese | English | Hindi | Japanese | Korean  
Spanish | Tagalog | Tamil | Vietnamese



### Insurance Advocacy – United Policyholders

*Answers to Insurance Questions & Concerns*

Translations in

Chinese | English | Spanish | Tagalog | Vietnamese